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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/236,339

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For: OPTICAL-ELEMENT HOLDING

MECHANISM, IMAGE-SHAKE

CORRECTING DEVICE AND
OPTICAL APPARATUS

Dune 14, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

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FOREIGN PATENTS

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PATENT NO.	COUNTRY	PUBLICATION DATE
6-289465	Japan	October 18, 1994
9-43661	Japan	February 14, 1997

Japanese Patent Document No. Hei 9-43661 is identified at page 8 of the present application, and is believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. An English translation of the JP '661 reference is not readily available to Applicants' attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. An English-language abstract for the JP '661 reference obtained from a commercial database also is attached as an English-language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

Japanese Patent Document No. 6-289465 is cited at page 8 of the present application, and is believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. The JP Hei '465 reference corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,602,675 (Okada), also cited herein. An English abstract for the JP Hei '465 reference obtained from a commercial database also is enclosed as an English-language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	GROUP ART UNIT
08/357,155 (allowed: Issue Fee	December 15, 1994 paid May 7, 1999)	2851
08/563,750	November 29, 1995	2851
08/642,074	May 1, 1996	2851
09/018,049	February 3, 1998	Unassigned

08/621,654 March 26, 1996 2851 (allowed: Issue Fee due September 7, 1999)

08/683,951 July 19, 1996 2851 (allowed: CPA filed June 11, 1999)

08/965,531 November 6, 1997 2851 (allowed: Issue Fee due August 6, 1999)

09/025,027 February 18, 1998 2712

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits in the present application. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is necessitated by the filing of the present paper. Nevertheless, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of the present paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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